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SUBJECT: TUCP LEADER WARNS AGAINST SUBVERSIVE LABOR ELEMENTS

REF: MANILA 1681

1. TUCP'S TWO TOP LEADERS, PRESIDENT ROBERTO OCA AND SECRETARY GENERAL DEMOCRITO MENDOZA, LEFT COUNTRY FEB. 27 TO ATTEND RESPECTIVELY ICFTU MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG AND ILO MEETING IN GENEVA. BEFORE DEPARTING, OCA ISSUED WARNING TO LABOR SECTOR (WHICH DREW FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE) AS INDICATED BELOW.

2. NOTING THAT "CERTAIN ELEMENTS" ATTEMPTING USE FREE LABOR MOVEMENT FOR SUBVERSIVE ENDS, HE SAID COUNTRY'S WORKERS SHOULD BEWARE OF THOSE WHO "MESERIZE YOU WITH THEIR RHETORIC AND PROMISES, AND AGITATE YOU TO TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS IN ORDER TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS". OCA DECLARED TUCP STANDS BEHIND CURRENT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS CARRY OUT BENEFICIENT PROVISIONS OF NEW LABOR CODE AND WILL CONTINUE WAGE - WITHIN RULE OF LAW - CAMPAIGN TO SECURE MORE AND MORE BENEFITS FOR OWRKERS.

3. COMMENT. "CERTAIN ELEMENTS" IS REFERENCE TO BUKLURAN DISSIDENT LABOR GROUP (REFTEL AND EARLIER). ILLEGAL STRIKE ACTIVITY HAS TAPERED OFF AND BUKLARAN ELEMENTS HAVE

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IN EFFECT BEEN TOLD BY THEIR ILLUSIVE LEADERS TO RETURN TO

THEIR FACTORIES AND COMMUNITIES TO "REGROUP". YET, AS EMBASSY HAS POINTED OUT PREVIOUSLY, TUCP REMAINS FEARFUL THAT BUKLURAN INITIATIVES (EVEN THOUGH IRRESPONSIBLE) RISK CAPTURING IMAGINATION OF ECONOMICALLY HARD-PRESSED WORKERS. IT HAS BEEN INTERESTING TO WATCH GOP AMBIVALENT ATTITUDE TOWARD BUKLURAN. ON SEVERAL PUBLIC OCCASIONS LABOR UNDERSECRETARY INCIONG HAS WARNED AGAINST "SINISTER FORCES" DURING RECENT PRIVATE DINNER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, INCIONG BRUSHED OFF BUKLURAN AS EPHEMERAL GROUP WHICH HAD BEEN TAKING CREDIT FOR STRIKE ACTIONS THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, WE HAVE NOT HEARD LAST OF BUKLURAN.  
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